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either. If this be the case put your money in a farm where it is absolutely safe and where a living is guaranteed. We have a farm containing 125 acres on the Shenandoah Valley railroad, so miles north of Roanoke, that we can trade for unincumbered eith. This farm is in the famous Shenandoah Valley and has fair buildings and good orchard and in a high state of cultivation. Don't fail to see us about this.

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porate limits of Salem, under good fence, Also city lots and houses at your own terms and price. We have any number of houses on the monthly instalment plan for \$10 to \$500 cash, and balance \$10 to \$100 per month. Now is the time to buy. We also have store house

We also have store houses and to buy. We also have store houses and dwellings to rent all over the city. We have taken up this branch and are giving it our closest attention. "Quick collections and prompt returns is our notto." So list your property with us. MONEY TO LOAN.

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The Game Was Fairly Won in the Ninth Inning by the Home Club, But it Was Denied Them by a Very Rank Decision of a Very Rank Umpire-Story of the Game in Detail.

About 600 baseball enthusiasts were on hand at the R. A. C. grounds yesterday afternoon to witness the greatest game of ball that has ever been played in this city. It was a game that will long be remembered by those who saw it. It was a battle royal between Boyd and Blake, with the honors slightly in Blake's favor. It was worth double the price of admission to see these two men twirl the ball. Blake only allowed one hit off his delivery and struck out ten men, while Boyd, outside of the fourth inning when three hits were made off him, was invincible, only giving one base on balls and striking out nine of the opposing team, five of them fanning the air in the last two innings. While these two young men deserve a great deal of praise there were sixteen other athletes who played the game of their life. Daniels, Wigmore and in fact all the home players played great ball, while Tenley, Pultz, Viox and Donovan, of the visitors, played brilliantly.

In the ninth inning there came very near boing a riot, but order was finally restored. It occurred in this manner: Riley, the first batter, went out from pitcher to first; Meade got his base on balls, stole second and went to third on a passed ball. Daniels was also presented with a base by Blake. Boyd then stepped up to the plate with a look of determination on his face. He hit a slow one down toward second, which price of admission to see these two men

of determination on his face. He hit a slow one down toward second, which Fultz had to jump for to catch on the Fultz had to jump for to catch on the bound. Fultz threw the ball to first, but Boyd had apparently gotten there before the ball and Foster, who was on third, scored. Everybody in the grounds thought that Boyd was safe and that the R. A. C. boys had won the hardest fought game of the season, but to the amazement of the audience Burk, who was umpiring on the bases, called Boyd out. To nine-tenths of the people on the grounds it looked like bare-faced robbery. Nearly all the players had left the grounds, thinking the game was over. Burk was soon surrounded by an excited crowd and looked as though he might be roughly handled but he stuck to his decision and the players were

might be roughly handled but he stuck to his decision and the players were called back and played another inning when the game was called by darkness.

The game opened up with Staunton at the bat, Donovan, Blake and Viox going out in order. Outside of the fourth inning the Staunton team never had a chance to score during the entire game. In this inning they made their three hits, but could not score so sharp was the fielding of the home team. They had a man on base in the fifth and one in the eighth but could do nothing with in the eighth but could do nothing with

In Roanoke's first inning Wigmore In Roanoke's first inning Wigmore flew cut to Fultz, Riley struck out, Meade made a hit, the only one of his side during the game, and stole second, but was left there as Beck struck out. With the exception of the second, fifth and ninth, they went out in one, two, three order.

and ninth, they went out in one, two, three order.

The home team has certainly demonstrated its ability in the past six games to play gilt edge ball, and no team that they meet need expect to have an easy thing. Richmond College will be here this week for two games on Wednesday and Thursday, and a large crowd should turn out, as there will, no doubt, be some great ball playing. doubt, be some great ball playing.
Johnson and Hodge, one of the batteries
of the Washington Y. M. C. A. team,
will be with the college boys.
Following is the tabulated score:

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CURVES THAT COUNT.

Lawrence A. Young Gives Some Good Advice to Pitchers.

By far the most important position of the nine in a baseball club is that of the pitcher. He is the "centre shot" of the competing teams.

of the competing teams.

A good pitcher can cover up a multitude of sins in a baseball club's general play and standing. A club could better afford to have a poor catcher or almost any other inferiority of play. To take any rank it must have, above all other requirements, one first class pitcher.

The pitcher's position is, moreover, the most difficult to play of the nine, and it requires a man with a cool and nervy head on his shoulders, as well as a good, speedy arm.

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Perhaps the first requisite a pitcher should have is a cool head, for many great and successful pitchers have only moderate curves and speed, yet their standing is pre-eminent among their speedy, but easily rattled associates. Another important factor in his make-up is a good temper. Of all defects the most disgusting to an audience, and the worst known demoralizer in the club itself, is a surly, ill natured pitcher. Matters turn up at every stage of the game that offend and irritate—the umpire's "roasting," his club's errors, a hot pire's "roasting," his club's errors, a hot day, a sore arm, wind and often a wet

We will therefore start with the gen-

eral hypothesis that the pitcher has a cool head, a good temper and a fairly strong and trained arm.

STRAIGHT BALLS AND CURVES. The rules require one foot on the rear line of the box, with the body facing the batter, and also that the ball shall

the batter, and also that the ball shall be in sight of the batter.

The speediest straight ball is acquired by holding the ball at first close to the body, firmly grasping the seams of the cover with the tips of the two fore-fingers and the tip of the thumb—next, a long sweeping circle should be made, bending the body far backward on the right leg, the left leg raised about a foot from the ground (the ball almost touching the earth during the swing). Suddenly a lurch should be given with the back and shoulders: the body straightened rigidly; the arm stretched straight and stiff in the air, as high up as the pitcher can possibly reach. The ball must be thrown the moment it is directly overhead, at full arm's length, and with a parting squeeze it is thus delivered to the batter or catcher straight from the finger tips. And right here I from the finger tips. And right here I may add that the person to whom the pitcher throws should never be lost

8 gbt of.
The curve is thrown and delivered in

The curve is thrown and delivered in exactly the same way, and with the same motion as the straight ball, except that, when the arm is perpendicular in the air, a sudden snap of the wrist is given, with the forefinger parallel to the shoulder.

I have also had great success with the old-tashioned under-hand or under-arm delivery, using the in-shoot from the finger-tips, pointing to the ground and also with a big quick, out curve, snapping the wrist in the direction of the ground instead of overhead.

Again, a most deceptive "slow ball" is obtained by holding the ball in the same manner as the straight ball, only pushed far back in the crotch of the thumb. It can be thrown with the same quick motion, but its course to the batsman is slow and he will be overimpatient for it to get to him.

WHAT HEAD WORK DOES.

WHAT HEAD WORK DOES. It is generally considered best to get the first ball pitched a strike when you

have made a good beginning.

If you notice that the man steps away from the plate in his swing at the ball, keep shoving "out curves at him, and if he "walks into a ball," throw them around his head and neck. I find that a low, straight ball is easier for men to

bat than a high shoot.

A pitcher, too, should be more careful in saving his pitching hand, as the many balls returned from the catcher numbs the hands, and the fingers are in danger, as are also the nails. I always keep my thumb nail and two forefinger nails long, so as to have a protection in

throwing the ball from the finger tips.

Again I assert that a pitcher should never lose sight of his batter, for then he is prepared to catch the swift liners that come so quickly upon him, and he can also be on the alert for the bunts and short hits that lurk around the

and short hits that lurk around the base lines and plate.

On every infield bat the pitcher should run back of first base in front of the runner. When his catcher throws to second base to head a runner the pitcher should take a position behind third base, to catch the centre fielder's throw should his catcher prove inaccurate. When a runner is on third base and a fly is knocked in any direction the pitcher's duty is to be back of the catcher. The throw home may bounce wild or roll by the catcher, and with no one backing a score could easily be made.

I have found the best way to keep ; runner hugging his base is never to lose sight of him. Make him jump into first base very often, so as to get him winded, and try to deliver quickly to the plate when he is not ready to start or has lost his balance. Never use a long, easy motion with a man on base, and instruct your catcher to throw directly over your

your catcher to throw directly over your head, as second base is in line with the pitcher and the home plate.

If the bat'er attemp's to bunt, "keep the balls high on him, and try never to let a man walk" on you, as the chances are many in your favor that he will not hit safely.

BASES ON BALLS AND HITS.

A base on balls is as welcome as a hit, and so with two balls and no srikes put every hall over the plate, at there are eight other players on the team beside yourself. That pitcher is the most successful who can work his straight and curved balls over the plate corners.

I find it of great value also to "size

up" the opposing batters early in the game, for this lightens one's cares in the remaining innings when one is fagged

and weary.

If a batter is found who can "hit any-If a batter is found who can "hit anything in sight," put all your speedy motions and the slow pace at him and compel him to hit them. All batting records show that the crack batters fall below 500 per cent., which proves your chances are many to retire him without a hit.

When an inning is finished the arm and shoulder should be covered with a warm sweater, no matter how hot the

warm sweater, no matter how hot the day. There is constant danger that the delicate tissues and ligaments will become stiff, especially at the elbow, where the arm is so often wrenched.

No curving should be attempted in March, and very little early in April, or stiffness may be contracted that many summer days cannot eradicate, and the arm may be rendered useless for an

entire season.

Care should also be taken not to sleep on the pitching arm at night, as it causes it to be dull and lifeless the next

day.

Left-harders are most effective against a club on account of their novelty and difference in delivery. Some seasons they are very rare. They have a small advantage also in watch-

ing first base.
I am told, however, that a left-hand twirler wears out twice as quickly as a right hand man, because the continual lett side motion and effort seriously affect the heart's functions. Possibly this may be so, at any rate few "South Pass" last over three seasons.

Talk kindly to your umpires. As a

Continued on page 1.

## THE DEMOCRATS IN CAUCUS.

Speaker Crisp Renominated by Acclamation.

He Makes a Brief Speech in Which He Says Our Financial System Should be Revised and Reformed, and Advises the Members to Regin the Good Work at Once-Snow, of Illinois, Elected Sergeant-at-Arms.

THE CAPITOL, WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 .-The hall of the House of Representatives was well filled with Democratic members to-night when, at 8:30, Chairman Holman called the caucus to order. It was known before this hour, however, that Crisp's renomination as Speaker was assured, and that there would be no contest over the doorkeepership, Turner, of New York, after the action of the New York caucus, declaring that he was not a candidate, and Smith, of Texas, seeing the landslide in Hurt's direction, withdrawing from

After a short speech by Halman, Turner of Georgia, nominated Crisp for reelection in a brief but well-timed speech. This nomination was seconded in short, pithy speeches by Coombs, of New York; Hatch, of Missouri and Wilson, of West Virginia, after which Crisp was nominated by acclamation and amid applause. Messrs. Springer, Hatch and Wilson were selected as a committee to notify the Speaker and a few moments later brought him into the hall, where he was introduced by Hatch. Crisp spoke as

introduced by Hatch. Crisp spoke as follows:

"The extraordinary condition of affairs throughout the country necessitated our meeting in extraordinary sestion. In so far as that condition is attributable to existing laws we are in no wise responsible therefore. Now, for the first time in thirty years we are in full power. We can repeal bad laws and we can make good ones. The people have intrusted us with that power and expect us to exercise it for their benefit. Our financial system should be revised and reformed.

"The strictest economy in public ex-

should be revised and reformed.

"The strictest economy in public expenditures should be observed, and taxation should be equalized and greatly reduced. To these purposes are we thoroughly committed. We must redeem our pledges. Let us begin the work at once. Let us lay aside every other consideration than the public good and endeavor to so discharge the duties assigned us as to restore confidence, promote prosperity and advance duties assigned us as to restore confidence, promote prosperity and advance the general welfare of all classes of our people. Sincerely grateful for your confidence and esteem. I pledge myself to devote the discharge of the duties and responsibility you have assigned to me and use every effort, power and ability I possess."

At the close of Speaker Crisps speech Rerr, of Pennsylvania, was renominated

At the close of Speaker Crisps speech Rerr, of Pennsylvania, was renominated clerk by acclamation and the caucus then proceeded to the nomination of a sergeant-at-arms, the leading candidates being the present incumbent, Yoder, of Ohio, and Snow, of Illinois. The action of the New York delegation in regard to the doorkeepership that threw Turner out of the race was an agreement to support Felix McCloskey, of Brooklyn. It was generally understood at this stage of the proceedings that whatever was to be expected in the shape of a contest in caucus would develop in the struggle for the office of sergeant-at-arms.

arms.
The Ohio delegation was known to be divided this afternoon, but rumors to the effect that a peace had been effected later on rendered the outcome interesting and uncertain.
Leighton, of Ohio, put Yoder in nomination, and John C. Black, of Illinois, did a like office for Herman W. Snow, late a Representative of the same State.
A ballot was then taken and resulted in a tie, each candidate having 93. A

in a tie, each candidate having 93. A recapitulation was demanded and this gave time to the whips to get out into the corridors and pull in members who had wandered away. Some of these voted and that settled the contest for Snow had received 96 votes to 95 for Yoder and was therefore declared to be the causes. tie, each candidate having 93. the caucus nominee for sergeant-atarms.

Lycurgus Dalton, of Indiana, was nominated for postmaster by acclama

The candidates for chaplain were:
Rev. George C. Woodruff, of Connecticut,
Presbyterian; Rev. S. W. Hadoway.
Maryland, Methodist; Rev. W. S. O.
Thomas, District of Columbia, Baptist:
Rev. E. G. Bagby, District of Columbia,
Campbellite; Rev. Mr. Journey, North
Carolina, Southern Methodist; Rev.
Geo. Elliott, District of Columbia,
Methodist. One candidate displayed a
card, bearing this inscription: "My
Platform—One Minute Prayers."
On the third ballot Mr. Hadoway, of
Maryland, was nominated. The candidates for chaplain were:

Maryland, was nominated.
The caucus adjourned at 10:55.

THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

THE CAPITOL, WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.— The Republicans held their caucus in the room of the committee on judiciary and nominated the ticket which is to be and nominated the united is to be defeated next Monday, as follows: For Speaker, ex Speaker Thos. B Reed, of Maine, was nominated by acclamation; for clerk, Edward McPherson, of Pennsylvania; sergeant-at-arms, A. J. Holmes, of lowa; doorkeeper, J. L. Hathaway, of Montana; chaplain, Rev. Horace Green, of New York.

The Hawalian Question. WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 .- It is stated

the President will send a special message to Congress at its extra session in regard to the Hawaiian question. Biount's voluminous reports including his latest and most voluminous of all his fatest and more votage at the State are being carefully prepared at the State Department in the form of abstracts and extrac's for the President's personal consideration.

TWO MORE VIRGINIA BANKS FAIL.

The Exchange and Deposit Bank and the Bank of Abingdon Closs Their Doors. RICHMOND, Va , Aug. 5 .- A Lyuchburg special says: The Bank of Abingdon and the Exchange and Deposit Bank both closed down this morning.

THE CABINET MEETING

Quiet but steady withdrawing of de-posits from both banks for several weeks and inability to collect is the cause. Both banks are entirely solvent.

The President Reads a Rough Draft of His Message to His Advisers.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 .- The special meeting of the Cabinet called for 4 o'clock this afternoon convened promptly at that hour. The session lasted until half past five o'clock without any interruption of any kind. Secretary Carlisle
was the first to leave the executive
manson. He drove directly to his home.
Other members lingered some time in
the library comparing notes respecting
their summer vacations. their summer vacations.

Secretary Gresham remained with the President after the Cabinet meeting adjourned discussing matters pertaining to the Department of State. All of the members of the Cabinet were tanned and improved by their summer vacation.

Secretary Thurber could not say what the Cabinet discussed, but it is under-stood that the President read to his advisers a rough draft of his forthcoming message to Congress It is believed that the message will treat solely on the financial and tariff questions. Shortly after the Cabinet meeting the President drove out to his country home; where he will spend the night. where he will spend the night.

Go to Crystal Spring Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

The Cholera Spreading in Naples. WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—Assistant Surgeon Young, at Naples, cables the marine bospital service that cholera is spreading in the suburbs of Naples and that the Italian government has consented to the adoption of measures for the complete isolation for five days of immigrants on board vessels before sailing for the United States, which includes the ordering off of all bum boats and other modes of communicating infection from the shore. infection from the shore.

Go to Crystal Spring Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Chairman Gordon to Resign. RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 5.—Hon. Basil B. Gordon, chairman of the State Dem-

oratic committee, has written a letter, which will be published to morrow, declining to serve longer as chairman. He gives as the reason for his action that it forces him to neglect his private affairs. A new chairman will be elected at the convention, which meets here on the 17th inst. the 17th inst.

Lawn Party at Crystal Spring Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Cashier Keeting Not in Denver. Cashler Keeting Not in Denver.

DENVER, Col., Aug. 5.—The police authorities state they know nothing of the missing cashier, A. J. Keeting, of Milwaukee, nor have they had any instructions to make his arrest. Milwaukee to the contrary notwithstanding. The police may be endeavoring to keep the matter quiet, but the indications are that he is not in this city.

Executive Board for the Home for the Sick give a Lawn Party Tuesday, Wednes-lay and Thursday nights at Crystal Spring.

Cieveland Back in Washington.

Washington, August 5.—President Cleveland, accompanied by Secretaries Carlisle and Lamont and Attorney Gen-eral Olney, arrived in Washington at 1:44 this afternoon over the Pennsylvania railway. They were all met by their respective private secretaries. The President was driven directly to the White House the White House.

Lawn Party at Crystal Spring Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

An Interesting Relic Found.

GREENVILLE, Ohio, Aug. 5.—Eight iles north of this city to-day John miles north of this city to-day John Net found a cannon captured from St. Clair's soldiers by the Indians during the retreat from Fort Recovery to Greenville in 1791. A derrick was used to extricate it from a hole eleven feet deep. It is brass, six feet long, and shoots six pound balls.

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BASEBALL YESTERDAY.

Hits-Philadelphia, 25; Washington, 12, Errors-Philadelphia, 2; Washington, 19, Bat-terles-O'Connor, Weyling and Clements; Stock-dale, Maul and O'Rourke. 

Hits-Cleveland, 14; Chicago, 11. Errors-Cleveland, 2; Chicago, 2. Batteries-Hastings and Ganson; Abbey and Schriver. 

Hits-Pittsburg, 8; Cincinnati, 5. Errors-Pittsburg, 0; Cincinnati, 5. Batteries-Gumbert and Engalen; King and Murphy.

At Baltimore—

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Baltimore, 6; New York, 5. Batteries—Mullanc, McN\_bb and Clarke; Baldwin, German and Wil-

Hits-Brecklyn, 5: Boston, 8. Errors-Brooklyn, 3; Boston, 1. Batteries-Daub and Kinkead Gastright and Ganzel. 

Hits-Brooklyn, S. Boston, 12. Errore-Brock-lyn, 5; Boston, 12. Batteries-Stein, Kinslow and Datley; Nichols, Stivetts and Ganzel. THE WEATHER.

Forecast for Virginia: Southerly winds; warmer, fair weather Sunday nig t.

## MORE EVIDENCE OF ITS MERITS.

The Good Results of the Houston Narcotic.Cure.

Testimony of a Popular Business Man Who Had Been Addicted to the Whiskey Habit For Forty-two Years-After Thirty-five Days' Treatment He Is Completely Cured of the Habit

In following up the investigation instituted by THE TIMES of the methods of treatment and the results obtained by the Houston Narcotic Institute of Roanoke, a reporter for THE TIMES called on a well known and popular business man of the city who for years has been addicted to the habit of intoxication and conversed with him at length on the subject of the Houston

The gentleman's name is withheld by request, but any one desiring to see him personally can be directed to him by applying at the office of the Houston Institute, as he will be glad to explain his experience to any one interested.

He said: "I have been drinking

his experience to any one interested.

He said: "I have been drinking whiskey periodically for forty-two years and am well versed in every phase of drunkenness. I know all about it and the evils attendant upon it. No human being can tell the misery and the agony I have passed through. The horrors of the damned could scarcely be worse. I have tried every conceivable way to stop the habit that enthralled me and be a man again, but in vain. Sometimes I would get up in the morning and vow to myself not to take a drop that day, but before night I would be drunk. My drinking was periodical and as the time passed on the periods were nearer together and the sprees I indulged in were more frequent and my drunkenness came to be well night habitual and the amount of whiskey I drank was something enormous.

"I have had in my life several narrow escapes from death by accidents that are sorely due to my being intoxicated. My escape from some of these was something miraculous. Some time ago I attended a lecture by Luther Benson, and after listening to the horrors of intemperance pictured by him I resolved that if I could not quit by any other means I would take the course at the Houston Institute. I entered the Institute in January, 1893, and continued the treatment continuously for thirty-five days, and within that time to my great satisfaction I lost the taste for liquor entirely and came out perfectly and wholly cured. My sight is better, my hearing is better, my sleep is better and I am in better health generally than I have been since I was a young man. The cure was radical, perfect and complete. It has now been over five munths since I was graduated and since that time I have had nodesire whatever for whiskey and am perfectly satisfied that I shall never want to drink again.

"Nothing on earth could, induce me to return to the habit of drunkenness

drink again.
"Nothing on earth could, induce me to return to the habit of drunkenness again to which I was such an abject slave and I fully believe that had I not

slave and I fully believe that had I not taken the cure at the time I did I would soon have filled a drunkard's grave.

"During my stay at the institute my treatment was kind, considerate and courteous and everything possible was done by the management to make it pleasant and comfortable for me and the other patients. Since I was cured I have daily, for months, attended the institute at treatment hours and watched the patients in the various stages of their cure and I am now at this time even more enthusiastic over stages of their cure and I am now at this time even more enthusiastic over the good being done by these people than I was even at the time I was turned out a free and cured man and restored to the bosom of my family. I saw some patients come to the institute in a worse condition even than I was saw some patients come to the institute in a worse condition even than I was who in a few weeks were entirely cured from the terrible habit. I wish that every man in the city who is addicted to the habit of alcoholism, would take advantage of the Houston Institute, which I regard as being the greatest public benefactor in the city."

Appended are testimonials from two gentlemen, who were graduated five

gentlemen, who were graduated five months ago and who are still enthu-siastic over the result of the treatment: siastic over the result of the treatment:
"I cheerfully recommend the Houston
Narcotic Cure for the whiskey habit.
It has changed me from a drunkard
and all attendent evils to a sober man.
I feel five years younger than I did before taking the course; am perfectly
well in mind and body and I can never
express my deep gratitude for being
cured.

cured.

"The manager and all the officers are highly respectable gentlemen and stand very high in this city. I would say to any one, into whose life this terrible curse of drink has entered, go and be healed and be a man. Very truly healed and be a man. Very truly yours.

ROANOKE, Va., February 3, 1893.

GENTLEMEN: My period of treatment has now ended and I consider it

ment has now ended and I consider it just and proper to return my thanks for the benefits I have derived from your cure. When I came here I was an almost physical wreck; was threatened with pneumonia. After a stay of three and one half weeks at your institute I can now say that I am completely restored to manhood both mental and physical. No pecuniary consideration would evertempt me to return to my former dissipated life. I now have no desire or thirst for alcoholic drinks of any kind. I return my many thanks to Dr. Staples, physician in charge, for his courteous and affable disposition under somewhat trying circumstances and his strict attention to the details of my case. The officials also have my thanks for their kindness to myself and other patrons. I sincerely hope every man who is addicted to the disease of alcoholism will take advance of the strict and the stay of the disease of alcoholism will take advance of the strict and the stay of the disease of alcoholism will take advance of the strict and the s I sincerely hope every man who is addicted to the disease of alcoholism will take advantage of the opportunity now offered them, a speedy and permanent cure. They will never regret the step if once taken. You are at liberty to use this as you see proper,
Yours gratefully, M. A. SHEELER.